

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 17th day
of September, 2002.

In the Matter of Sprint Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Tariff Filing to Initiate LightLink®)	<u>Case No. TO-2003-0101</u>
Service)	Tariff File No. JL-2003-0178

ORDER REJECTING TARIFF

This order rejects a proposed revision to Sprint Missouri, Inc.'s tariff.

On August 28, 2002, Sprint Missouri submitted a proposed revision to its tariff. The revision introduced a new private line digital data service named LightLink®, effective September 27, 2002. On September 12, 2002, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion requesting that the Commission reject the proposed revision to Sprint's tariff.

Staff asserts that under the proposed plan, Sprint offers discounts to customers for term commitments of 12 months up to 84 months. In support of its motion, Staff cites case number TT-2002-227, *In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Proposed Revisions to P.S.C. Mo. No. 26, Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Tariff*. In that case the Commission found that "discounted rates in exchange for term commitments that exceed one year [are] detrimental to the health and development of competition in Missouri's local exchange market." Based on this, the Commission rejected the tariffs.

Having previously decided to reject tariffs that offer discounted rates in exchange for a term commitment exceeding one year, the Commission will reject this tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets submitted on August 28, 2002, by Sprint Missouri, Inc., tariff file number JL-2003-0178, is rejected. The tariff is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 22
Section 45.1.C and Section 45.1.G

2. That this order shall become effective on September 26, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Simmons, Ch., Lumpe, Gaw and Forbis, CC., concur
Murray, C., dissents

Jones, Regulatory Law Judge